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1. A depositor in a Polish bank must show papers to the effect that he has not participated in any activity detrimental to the country; these papers must be signed by the U.S. as well as by the local commandant. An affidavit must also be signed expressing full confidence in the bank, and stating that interest will not be asked for in case the business of the bank will not prove profitable; this affidavit is executed for the economic welfare of Poland. As a rule, deposits may be withdrawn at three months' notice, if proof is submitted that an urgency exists for withdrawal before the stipulated time. A written statement must be shown that the money is not to be used for emigration purposes or for a cause detrimental to the country. If these statements prove false, the government is authorized to complete confiscation. From any interest due the depositor, one percent will be withheld for the reconstruction of Poland. There are few private deposits made in the banks since all these papers to be produced and signed are very expensive. Only State-controlled firms have deposits, because they are obliged to do so.

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